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Sir:

In compliance with the dictates of 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56, 1.97, and 1.98, Applicant hereby submits an Information Disclosure Statement.

Applicant hereby reports the issuance of an Office Action in the corresponding Chinese application. A copy of the Office Action (with a translation of the First Notification of Office Action) and reference CN2133370Y cited therein, together with PTO Form 1449 listing this reference is attached hereto. The Office Action also cites JP11-304779A and JP1-254871A. These Japanese Patent Documents were included in an IDS filed with the Patent Office on November 10, 2005 and have been considered by the examiner.

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It is respectfully requested that the Examiner consider the of reference and indicate such consideration by enclosing an appropriately initialled copy of the enclosed form PTO-1449 with the next communication from the Patent Office.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of any additional fees due or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 19-2816. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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